



**SOUTH BETHANY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
ADOPT-A-CANAL/ROAD-END PROGRAM  
SEPTEMBER 2012 UPDATE**

The South Bethany's Community Enhancement Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Sue Callaway, is pleased to report that the Adopt-A-Canal/Road-End program has grown from 6 to 13 adopted gardens and recently sponsored its 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Beauty Contest." From August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, South Bethany residents were invited to visit each adopted canal/road end garden, select their top 5 favorites and cast their votes. This year, residents also had the opportunity to view photographs of each adopted canal end and vote online by visiting the Home page of [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org). The 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adopt Beauty Contest Winner was the Canal End located between Sussex and Tern (Sussex Canal off Route 1) adopted by Bryon and Olivia Elrod! Congratulations to the Elrods and many thanks to Lord's Landscaping for contributing a \$100 gift certificate to the winner! We also thank all residents who demonstrated their support for the program by voting in the contest!

Under the leadership of Adopt Program members Sue Callaway, Sharon Nonn, Bobbe Stephan, and Carol Stevenson, the Committee proudly announces that since our *Adopt Update July 2011*, 13 canal/road ends have completed the adoption process and several others are on the horizon! Neighbors are working together to plan, develop and maintain the adopted gardens. Some adopters have engaged the help of a landscaper and others just rolled up their sleeves and set to work from start to finish! These successes are inspiring others to join the effort to beautify and showcase the network of canals that intertwine our community. This year, the Committee installed Adopt signs to further identify adopted canal gardens. We invite you to visit the following canal/road end gardens and see the difference! **REMEMBER:** You do not have to live near or adjacent to the canal or road end to adopt it!

Below is a Summer 2012 snap shot view of our 13 adopted canal/road end gardens. Those adoptions labeled ***Renewed Adopters***® indicate volunteer adopters who have committed to maintain their canal/road end gardens for another 2 years!

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!**

➤ Canal End on Peterson Avenue - ***Renewed Adopters***® Adopted in 2011 by John and Pam Eckenrode who reside on Elizabeth Way, the Eckenrodes were our first adopters to join the program who did not live near or adjacent to the canal end! Thank you for your support!



Before Adoption



Adopters John and Pam Eckenrode are joined by neighbors Vinnette Fowler and Diann & Ed Nazarian, and Adopt Leader Kathy Jankowski



ONE YEAR LATER! SUMMER 2012

➤ Canal End at the Corner of Canal Drive and Russell Road - Adopted by Sandi and Dennis Roberts and Joe and Connie Citro in 2011 - 2011 "Beauty Contest" Winner -***Renewed Adopters***® The Roberts and Citros have done a great job in maintaining this very visible canal end - and they are always working to improve it! Many walkers and bikers get to enjoy this enhanced garden every day!







Sandi and Dennis Roberts joined by Kathy Jankowski, Adopt Program Leader



ONE YEAR LATER! SUMMER 2012

➤ **Bayshore Drive Road End:** Adopted by Bayshore Drive homeowners Sharon and Tony Nonn in 2011 with help and support from their neighbors the Callaways, Burns, Bissons, Messinas, Trelenbergs and Nowells. *Renewed Adopters* @ Tony and Sharon took advantage of their professional landscaping experience to engage their neighbors help in transforming this overgrown road end into a well-maintained garden. Today it is enjoyed by many as a quiet retreat or place to crab.



Tony Nonn Begins the Work



Proud Adopters Sharon and Tony Nonn



ONE YEAR LATER! SUMMER 2012

➤ Canal End Fence Area Along the Anchorage Forebay on Route 1: Adopted by Kent and Bobbe Stephan - *Renewed Adopters* ®



Kathy Jankowski congratulates South Anchorage Drive homeowners Kent and Bobbe Stephan on planting such beautiful climbing yellow roses that all town residents and visitors can enjoy! The Stephans steadfastly maintain the roses throughout the year.

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➤ Canal End between W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets along Canal Road - Adopted by Kathy Jankowski and Rob Youngs in 2011 with lots of neighbors! *Renewed Adopters* ®  
Kathy and Rob set a great example of getting neighbors involved with the adopt program. They started the adoption process by hosting an adopt party to discuss the canal garden and encourage their neighbors to get involved! And so they did! With the wetlands in the background, the end result is worth visiting next time you drive, walk or bike down Canal Road!





The neighbors join together to plant



Adoptees take a break for a photo op!

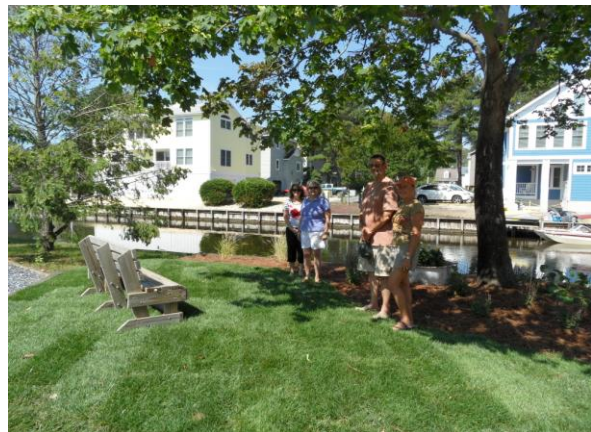


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➤ Road End at W.11th Street - Adopted by Barbara and John Sears in 2011- *Renewed Adopters* ®. The group planned their design around an old sea caldron that has been in that very same location for years! The Sears hired Lord's Landscaping to complete the canal garden and install an irrigation system! It's a very enjoyable place now to sit and relax and watch the boats and kayaks go by!



Before Adoption



Proud Adopter Barbara Sears and neighbors Marybeth Sorady and Gene Hendrix and Adopt leader Kathy Jankowski pose in front of the sea caldron and new bench.





ONE YEAR LATER! SUMMER 2012

- Road End at W. 8th Street - Adopted by Lisa and Conrad Schmidt in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ The Schmidts hired Lord's Landscaping to complete their design and install an irrigation system. As seasonal South Bethany homeowners, they do not have to worry about watering!



Before Adoption



After Work Completed



ONE YEAR LATER! SUMMER 2012

- Canal End Between W. 7<sup>th</sup> and W. 8th Street - Adopted by Flo and Ron Smith in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ The Smiths have been faithfully taking care of this canal end for several years. We appreciate their commitment to maintaining this canal end!



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➤ Canal End Between Sussex and Tern - Adopted by Bryant and Olivia Elrod in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ The Elrods are exceptional gardeners so we are lucky they volunteered to join the Adopt Program! Their design is unique and eye-catching. What a charming place to sit and enjoy our canal water view! Next time you are walking along the Route 1 pedestrian walkway - stop by this canal end.



Before Adoption



What a difference! SUMMER 2012

2012 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ADOPT BEAUTY CONTEST WINNER





➤ Road End at Godwin Place - Adopted by Godwin Place homeowners Michael and Jennifer Lee in 2012. After the town removed the overgrown juniper bushes, the Lees set to work in the spring 2012. Their design demonstrates that each adopted canal end can have its own unique look - they have added a bench and a bird feeder. What an improvement!



Enjoy the water view and the birds from the Lee's Adopted Canal - SUMMER 2012

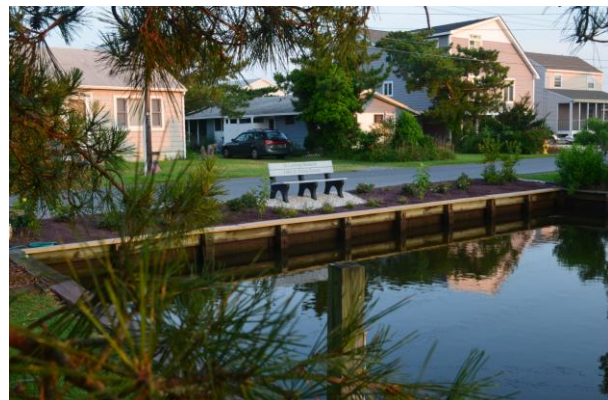
➤ Canal End Between Petherton and Brandwine along Route 1 - Adopted by Pat Voveris in 2012 - Councilwoman Pat Voveris is an oceanfront homeowner who took a keen interest in adopting a canal end. She also proved you do not have to live near a canal end to adopt one! She was interested in seeing improvements to the barren canal ends along South Bethany's Route 1 pedestrian walkway. Pat worked with Nature Design Landscaping who completed the design and installation. Visit this canal end garden and enjoy the view. We appreciate Pat's support and contribution in enhancing our community!



Morning light on the canal garden and canal waters - SUMMER 2012



➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Canal End on the right side of Bayshore Drive - Adopted by Carol and Todd Stevenson, Sue and Robbie Callaway and Dick and Maryanne Schmidt in 2012 - After the town removed the overgrown junipers, this group teamed up to get the job done and managed to have a lot of fun along the way! With a garden design completed by Nature Design Landscaping and plants purchased from them as well, Sue and Carol are proud to say they planted all 48 plants themselves! They did have to request a "little" help from Town director of public works, Don Chrobot as they struggled to dig holes through the solid rock soil. Carol installed a soaker hose system and Dick and Maryanne oversee watering and continued maintenance and weeding. Family members Todd, Robbie and Maria and neighbors Linda and Peter Lewis joined in to help with the final installation of stone and oyster shells! Sitting on the bench enjoying the view is now a regular occurrence for visitors and South Bethany neighbors.



From beginning to end - these photos demonstrate that hard work and team effort can really make a difference and be fun at the same time! SUMMER 2012



➤ Canal End Between W. 4<sup>th</sup> and W. 5<sup>th</sup> along Canal Road - Adopted by Lynn and Jerry Masiello in 2012 - Our most recent adoption (completed August 2012) is another great example of how neighbors working together can really make a positive change! It started in the fall 2011 with contacting neighbors to assess their interest. Finally this spring things got rolling and the Masiellos engaged their neighbors - the Golians, Nagys, Cardonis and Diddens each providing different levels of input and support. The town removed some very large root bound junipers and once neighborhood schedules were confirmed, work began. The group purchased the plants from Nature Design Landscaping, installed a soaker hose system and began digging!



Canal End Before Adopting



Soaker hoses installed



Mulch Squad - led by the Masiellos



Adopter Lois Golian





Final Product....Another amazing difference! SUMMER 2012 Thank You!

**Interested in Learning More or Adopting one of South Bethany's 32 Canal/Road Ends that have not yet been adopted?** You don't have to live at the end of the canal or road to adopt it!!!!

Visit: [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) - Click on Community Enhancement Committee on the left column of the Home Page

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